**Pending schemes of Chhattisgarh**

1762. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the schemes submitted by Chhattisgarh pending with Centre; and

(b) the disposal details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development receives proposals from the District Rural Development Agencies and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including Chhattisgarh for Central assistance as per the programme guidelines. These proposals are examined by the concerned Programme Divisions and if found qualified proposals are sanctioned and those proposals which require modifications etc. are immediately returned to the States for necessary action.

**Dispensing population criteria under PMGSY**

1763. SHRI SAMAN PATHAYK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to dispense with the population criteria for the hilly and inaccessible area under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of proposals with the Government to join the hilly remote areas of Darjeeling with the main highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages providing connectivity by way of an all-weather road to all unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above in plain areas and 250 persons and above in hill States, the tribal and the desert areas. Presently, there is no proposal to dispense with the population criteria.

(c) There is no proposal (new connectivity) pending with the Ministry of Rural Development to join the hilly and remote areas of Darjeeling district with the main highway.

**PMGSY proposals submitted by A.P. Government**

1764. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh in consultation with financial institutions has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for leveraging the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to a tune of Rs. 900 crores in the State and have submitted project proposals worth Rs. 500 crores to the Centre;